

SENATE BILL 4133

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 55, relative to school zones.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section designated as follows:

§ 55-8-198.

(a) Each LEA and each private school shall assist the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in determining for each school in the LEA or the private school a school zone for purposes of safety of school children coming to and going from school. If there are no sidewalks available for school children to use in coming to or going from a school, then a safe walkway area shall be designated for use by school children within such school zone.

(b) All school zones shall be appropriately designated by signage so that motorists are given notice that they are within the school zone. Additional signs shall indicate the speed limit in such zones as required under § 55-8-152.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-205(c), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subsection and by substituting instead the language "; except that a violation of this section committed in a school zone as defined in § 55-8-198 is a Class A misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-301(a), is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of the subsection and by substituting instead the language "; except that any such violation committed in a school zone as defined in § 55-8-198 is a Class B misdemeanor."

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

